

REUNION

HARDING REJECTS VERSAILLES LEAGUE VETERANS OF DAYS OF

PRESIDENT ASKS
DECLARATION OF
PEACE WITHOUT
ACCEPTANCE OF
THE LEAGUE

Abstract Of Harding's Message To Congress

President Harding's principal recommendations to congress in his first annual address delivered today included the following:

FOREIGN RELATIONS

"No separate peace treaties with the central powers on the assumption alone that these would be adequate. The wiser course would seem to be to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished, by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom of indivisible commitments and peace until the covenants re-establishing peace are made by the nations which were at war."

Taxation

"Readjustment of internal taxes and revision or repeal of those taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose."

Emergency Tariff Placed At Head of Requests In Message; House Committee Will Report Bill Today

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles league by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a message to congress. The president's message was a repudiation of the foreign policy of his administration.

Speaking before the new congress the president declared acceptance of the league would be nothing more than a betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked a congressional declaration of peace and for ratification of those portions of the Versailles treaty which protect American rights and interests in the war settlement.

"In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers, this republic will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

A tremendous demonstration followed this declaration, republican senators and representatives leading while most of their democratic colleagues sat silent. After weighing the words of the president, the senate irreconcilables tonight were claiming complete victory, predicting that ever the portion of the treaty enforced by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

Emergency Tariff Comes First

An emergency tariff was placed at the head of the requests and within an hour after he finished, the house ways and means committee agreed to report tomorrow the emergency measure vetoed by President Wilson. For the permanent tariff bill, Mr. Harding made no specific suggestion except that it follow the principle of protection. Similarly, he refrained from detailed recommendations on taxation, contenting himself with a discussion of the situation with a reminder that his party pledged itself to repeal the tariff.

Declaring rates and operating expenses of the railroads must be lowered, Mr. Harding asked that congress investigate the transportation problem. He recommended co-ordination of all governmental agencies dealing with former service men strengthening of the federal laws affecting highway construction and maintenance, enactment of budget legislation, and a congressional inquiry into the problem of the unemployed. Mr. Harding's definite stand against the covenant was not a surprise to Republican leaders of the senate, although the pioneers had been unsettled until shortly before the executive left for the capitol. The first draft was completed soon after midnight, and when the president cancelled the cabinet meeting and summoned Republican members of the foreign relations committee.

Less of Government in Business

"Less of government in business as well as more business in government," was the theme of the president's message. He challenged to honest and lawful business success. But government approval of fortunate untrammelled business does not mean toleration of restraint of trade or of maintained prices by unnatural methods. "Anxious as we are to restore the onward flow of business it is fair to combine assurance and warning in one utterance."

AGRICULTURE

"The maintained retail costs in perishable foods cannot be justified. Reduced costs of basic production have been recorded but high cost of living has not yielded in like proportion. Without the spirit of hostility or haste in accusation or profiteering some suitable in-

quiry by congress might speed the price readjustment to normal relationship, with helpfulness to both producer and consumer. A misgiving of fair prices will satisfy the country and give us a business revival to end all depression and unemployment."

Declare Against League

These were the principal subjects touched on in the address, which was about 7500 words in length and a large portion of which was devoted to the related subjects of peace, the league of nations and the country's foreign policy.

The president's discussion of the peace question opened with a definite declaration against the existing league of nations. "In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers," said the president, "this republic will have no part."

"The league of nations is a misinterpretation and there will be no betrayal of the deliberate expression of the American people in the rejection of the league of nations. It is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

Manifestly the highest purpose of the league of nations is the promotion of peace and the enforcement of peace and making it the enforcing agency of the victors of the war. "There can be no prosperity for the underprivileged people sought to be achieved by any such association so long as it is an organ of any nation or group of nations."

For Peace Declaration

"In the national referendum the last election we declared our attitude toward such association and the pledge will be faithfully kept. In the light of policy and performance we add the American people we must seek an early establishment of peace. The United States alone among the allied and associated powers continued in a technical state of war against the central powers of Europe. The anomalous condition ought not to be permitted to continue. To establish a state of technical peace without delay I should approve a declaratory resolution by congress to that effect with the qualifications necessary to protect all our rights. Such action would be the simplest keeping of faith with ourselves and could in no sense be construed as a declaration of war with whomsoever we shared our sacrifices in war, for these powers are already at peace."

"Such a resolution should undertake to do more than thus declare the state of peace which all Americans crave. It must add no difficulty in effecting, with just reparations, the peace of the world. The world economy must be founded. Neither former enemy nor ally can mistake the position of the United States as to responsibility for the war and the necessity for just reparations already has had formal and very earnest expression."

Executive of Co-operation

"It would be unwise to undertake to make such a statement of future peace and modifications as will secure in respect to European affairs in such a declaration of a state of peace. In correcting the failure of the executive in negotiating the most important treaty in the history of the nation, to recognize the constituted powers of the senate, we would go to the other extreme, equally objectionable, if congress or the senate should recognize the function of the executive. Our highest duty is the preservation of the constituted powers of each and the promotion of the spirit of co-operation so essential to our common welfare."

It would be unwise to declare separate treaties with the central powers on the assumption that these alone would be adequate, because the situation is so involved that our peace engagements cannot ignore the aid of the relations and the settlements already effected nor is it desirable to do so in preserving our own rights and contracting our future relations.

"The wiser course would seem to be the acceptance of the confirmation of our rights and interests as already provided and to engage under the existing treaty, assuming, of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom from indivisible commitments and safeguard all our essential interests."

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Harding Factors Early Action On Colombian Treaty Ratification

MESSAGE MEETS WITH APPROVAL OF REPUBLICAN SENATE GROUPS

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WASHINGTON, April 12.—General approval of President Harding's declaration to congress today that the United States could have no part in the present league of nations and that the state of war should be ended by congressional resolution was expressed by republican senate leaders but not the "irreconcilable" and "reservationists" groups.

Senator Lodge, republican leader who led the fight for reservations to the peace treaty, said he was extremely pleased by the message, which he declared "separated us from the league and approves passage of the Knox resolution."

Senators Johnson of California and Borah of Idaho, leaders of the "irreconcilable" group, expressed gratification at the president's declaration. They expressed doubt, however, that the peace treaty with the league covenant excluded could be put into shape for ratification.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting democratic leader, expressed disappointment at the president's message.

"What the president said about the league suited me," was the comment of Senator Reed of Missouri, a democratic treaty "irreconcilable."

Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, a declared the president would be able to work an association of nations and a peace program that will be satisfactory to all.

Senator Borah said the approval given the Knox resolution by the message was "exceedingly imprudent and unsatisfactory."

"As to the suggestion concerning an association of nations, Senator Borah continued, cannot discuss it until I see the framework of it. As to the Versailles treaty, I understand that the president says in effect, the future is to determine. Naturally we have to await an intelligent discussion of the matter before putting in shape that it should be ratified. I am not disposed to gather any trouble just now from the future."

Only Three Rescued From Steamer Bowie

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BEAUMONT, Texas, April 12.—Only three of the 22 persons on board the Bowie line steamer, Colonel Bowie, which foundered last night in the Gulf of Mexico, off Tampico, have been rescued, according to a wireless tonight. The other 19 were on the steamer, which was carrying passengers and crew to the Gulf of Mexico, off Tampico, have been rescued, according to a wireless tonight.

STRIKE LEADERS REUSE GEORGE'S PROPOSALS IN COAL-MINE CONFERENCE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

LONDON, April 12.—The conference of the mine owners, mine workers and government officials today failed to reach a settlement in the miners' strike, miners refusing to accept the government's proposals for a national settlement of wages.

The premier, in a final appeal, said that the government and owners were prepared to examine the question of the triple alliance, where their decision was made known. It was decided to postpone the sympathetic strike of the railway men and transport workers.

The seamen's and firemen's union, which is a member of the triple alliance, is balloting on whether to join the strike. Streets here are well guarded with khaki and tonight 100 marines with machine guns accompanied by tanks were drafted into Glasgow.

SENATE OFFERS VARIETY OF OLD AND NEW BILLS ON SECOND DAY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, April 12.—While old and new legislative proposals in the senate today numbered less than 500, as compared with 2,500 only in the house, they ranged from tax plans through anti-strike legislation to adjustment of international debts.

Senator Smoot, republican, of Utah offered his bill establishing a sale tax in lieu of excess profits taxing methods, and also an embargo measure against wool importation. Senator King, democrat, Utah, proposed to make conferences to assist fixing criminal, and also to make conspiracies to "hampers" movement of freight and persons in interstate commerce illegal.

Senator Poinsett, republican, Washington, presented a bill to prohibit strikes in interstate commerce. Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, re-introducing a resolution suggesting that the president should determine whether her West Indies possessions could not be ceded to the United States in part payment of indebtedness, added a suggestion for similar inquiry of France, as to the French Antilles, Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, proposed recognition of the "Irish republic."

Creation of a permanent commission to investigate lynchings was contributed in a bill by Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois, while Senator Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, renewed his bill to give the state department control over cable landing rights.

Senator Cushing, republican, New Jersey, proposed creating a coal commission, while Senator Owen, democrat, Oklahoma, offered measures to limit federal reserve bank interest charges to six per cent; to create a federal marketing department for farmers, and for publication of a national bulletin on government and politics.

Gordon Campbell To Succeed Briggs As C. and A. President

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BISBEE, Ariz., April 12.—Charles Briggs of Calumet, Mich. for 30 years president of the Calumet and Arizona Mining company, resigned today and was succeeded by Gordon R. Campbell, also of Calumet, former secretary of the company.

Wall Street Bomb Suspects Released

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—Two men and women arrested today on suspicion of being implicated in the bomb explosion in Wall street in New York City last September were released tonight. After questioning the three, Detective Korrel of New York, was convinced they had nothing to do with the affair.

California Senate Votes Confidence In Obregon Govt.

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 12.—The state senate adopted without dissent today a resolution expressing confidence in the administration of President Alvaro Obregon of Mexico. The measure was transmitted to the assembly, where its adoption is to be asked tomorrow.

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Landis Urges Big Leaguers To Keep Game Above Board

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CHICAGO, April 12.—Federal Judge Landis, baseball commissioner, tonight warned major league players that they were facing a hard proposition in regarding the confidence of the public that while a spirit of fairness would make the fans forgive errors, they would never forgive a man who didn't take a chance.

Speaking at a banquet to the two Chicago major league teams, he urged the players to try their hardest.

"Never before has anything been scrutinized as will our activity be scrutinized this season," he said. "The public always deals with its affairs on the merits of the case. We must play the game as hard as ever. No hanging back when we see a hard chance. Don't be afraid. Take chances and fight always."

"They say I have a spy on every base time I make a play," he said. "I don't care. The rehabilitation of baseball lies with you players."

"The anything I can do is to try to protect you from the things that wrecked pugilism, racing, and other sports—the gentlemen who would debauch the cricket to win a bet, the 'light' fanatics, yesterday afternoon. I want you men to set high standards inside the team."

Tommy Gibbons Beats Williams In Fifteen

NEW YORK, April 12.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul defeated Larry Williams of Bridgeport, Conn. in the fourth round of a 15-round welterweight fight. Gibbons weighed 175 and Williams 181 pounds. Williams took a count of nine on seven occasions.

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OLD RECALL THE PAST IN BIG MEETING HERE

Grand Old Men and Women of Arizona Renew Old Friendships at Great Reunion Gathering—Spirit of Pioneers Reflected in Program—Parade, Stirling Speeches, Barbecue, Dance, Among Events—Thanks to The Republican

TODAY'S PROGRAM

10:00 a.m.—Pioneers gather at Old Central avenue school grounds, Central avenue, Monroe and Van Buren streets, for motor car ride through city and valley, noting developments of valley since the early days.

2:00 p.m.—Pioneers gather at Blue Bird hall at First and Polk streets, where a general reception will be held indoors, story-telling and a good time program. At this meeting a society will be organized to hold an annual pioneer reunion.

The grand old men and women of Arizona, 1200 trail blazers to the "land of cacti and Indians," gathered in Phoenix yesterday for the first of a two-day pioneer celebration and reunion. From every section of the state they came, these veterans of another day, to participate in an event that will live long in memory, an event instantly and unanimously declared "the greatest thing of its kind ever undertaken in this or any other state."

They wrote a new page in Arizona history, a page that to the history-making frontiersmen is the event of events. Historical battles with warring Indian tribes; personal encounters with notorious "bad men" of the old west; privations endured and sufferings experienced—all these things sink into insignificance in the mind of the pioneer as compared with this great gathering in Phoenix.

Pioneer Spirit Shown

The spirit of the pioneers was reflected in every move, every spoken word at the opening day's program. Their demeanor, their jovial attitude, was an inspiration. It was not difficult to see behind the sun-burned creases on their faces; to see the strong qualities of character, the courage to brave the hardships of early life in this territory.

Some of these old timers saw Pikes Peak yesterday for the first time in a quarter century. Where once they had "hit the trail," they saw a modern city reared; they saw broad stretches of farm lands where once the mesquite and rattlesnake were masters of all they surveyed, and, lastly, they met old comrades with whom they had shared trouble, sorrow and joy.

It was during the registration of pioneers in the lobby of The Arizona Republican yesterday morning that some of the most touching scenes were enacted. In some instances reunions of old friends who had not seen one another for 20, 30 and even 40 years, stirred the emotions of some of these hardy men and women as they have not known since they were young. The sight of a white haired man and woman clasping hands in silence while tears rolled down their cheeks, was a sight to move the hearts of all who saw it. It was not a sight to be forgotten.

Recalled Days of Youth

And though many were bent with age, their shoulders rounded by the burdens of three score years and ten, these "youngsters" tripped against the "light" fanatics, yesterday afternoon. The call of the dance floor music, as played by a veteran fiddler, drew them to the floor. They were made children again, just for the hour. And that hour probably did more to lighten the load of the wearying years than anything that has come into the lives of these brave men and women in recent years. It was a sight for sore eyes, a sight that will be remembered with a smile into the corner of the eyes of the younger folk. It brought also the glimmer of youth to the weary faces. It was just such entertainment as this—entertainment which the pioneers have longed for.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

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Call For Motor Cars For the Pioneers' Valley Trip Today

The second and last day of the pioneers' reunion today includes as one of the principal features a motor trip through the city and valley to show the pioneers the great development in the years since their first arrival in the state.

For this purpose a large number of motor cars will be necessary. A call is issued to car owners to donate their cars for this occasion. They are requested to assemble promptly at 10 o'clock this morning at the Old Central avenue school grounds from which point the tour will start.

If the response to the call for motor cars this morning is as generous and prompt as it was yesterday the tour will be a great success and there will be ample cars for all the pioneers.

Be at the Central avenue school grounds promptly at 10 a. m.

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